

# Vermillion County Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2018

8:15a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order.** The Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on August 7, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.
- II. **Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, Auditor Amy Tolbert, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson, and County Attorney Jon Spurr.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2018 regular meeting and the July 27, 2018 Executive Session meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Approval of Claims and Payroll.** A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the claims and payroll for August 10, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Open Issues
  - a. **Vermillion Rise.** Executive Director Bob Grewe stated that he was in Atlanta with the state talking with a prospect about the shell building. He said they haven't heard back from them yet.  
Grewe stated that on July 10<sup>th</sup> he met with people from the Purdue Technical Assistance Program. He said they have a network of Purdue manufacturing extension offices around the state and they are working with them to make a presentation to their organization to create awareness about Vermillion Rise. Grewe said he met with Joey Tolbert from the Newport Volunteer Fire Department and discussed emergency preparedness and discussed setting up a meeting this fall with emergency personnel to familiarize them with the tenants at the Rise and the location of fire hydrants.  
Grewe said they continue working with Duke Energy on their site readiness program, he said they are doing an analysis. He said the analysis is done so there are no surprises and to make sure the site is shovel ready.  
Grewe said they met with some new staff from IDEM and gave them some background about the water system.
  - b. **VTA (Vermillion Trails Alliance).** Les Zimmerman told the Commissioners that all the brush has been cut and stacked and ready to be burned. He said before they burn the brush they will contact the Newport Volunteer Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department to let them know what they are doing. Zimmerman also told the Commissioners he talked to John Wright from USI about the insurance and Wright told him the county's insurance would not go up but if they put a shelter or building on the trailhead that it would go up around \$40 or \$50 per year.
  - c. **Updates to Appointments made by Commissioners.** Spurr told the Commissioners he sent them an update this morning and that it's going faster. He said not all of these that are labeled appointments are actual appointments, he said some are employees and there are separate rules for employees and some are you guys, they are boards that are comprised of Commissioners and other elected officials. He said he doesn't know if there is any point in making something for an elected official to sign. Spurr also said if there are

some appointments that you are reasonably certain that you don't need more information for let him know. He said he would continue with the updates.

- d. **Redevelopment Commission Non-Voting Appointment.** Wilson asked Tolbert if she has heard anything from North Vermillion regarding the non-voting school board appointment. Tolbert said she has not heard back from them. Wilson asked her to contact them again.
- e. **Eric Smith- HWC Engineering – proposals.** Eric Smith said he was following up with the proposals for an agreement for engineering services he gave the commissioners about providing Engineering services on an as needed basis and to develop a drainage design standards and guidelines for the county. Wilson asked about funds to pay for the agreement and Tolbert said it could be taken out of Professional Services. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Engineering Services. All in favor, motion carried.

## VII. New Business

- a. **Petition to Vacate Alley – Vickie Weddle.** Attorney Joel Wesch said he is representing Vickie Weddle. He said Weddle inherited the property from her father and in order to proceed with the sale they need to close the alley because a building was built on the alley. He said they have the petition and they have advertised in the newspaper and notified the adjacent property owners. No one was present to object. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to approve the petition to vacate the alley from Vickie Weddle. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Petition to Vacate Alley – Troy & Christine Price.** Troy Price told the Commissioners he filed the petition, he notified adjacent property owners, and he advertised in the newspaper. Price said his house sits on the road/alley. He said he didn't know that when he bought the house and he's lived there 14 years and has used it as his driveway. Zoning Administrator Penney Barton told the Commissioners that it's an undeveloped road and that Price's house was built on the road before he purchased it and he didn't know. Barton said his house/porch was built 20' in the alley/road and the undeveloped alley/road is 60' wide. Roy Frink said he is here to protest the closing of the alley. He said he uses the alley but he is not an adjacent property owner. Price told the Commissioners that he uses it as his driveway and the county does not maintain the road. Price said he has had gravel brought in for the driveway every year since he has lived there. Price also said he is the only resident on the road and he said he is not closing the alley just vacating. Yocum said he would like to go look at it before he makes a decision. Spurr read the statute on vacating procedures. The Commissioners agreed to go look at the alley/road before the next meeting. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to table the petition to vacate an alley/road until their next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Jail Expansion/Renovation.** Yocum stated he wants to make a recommendation that the Council creates a Rainy Day Fund for the Jail Expansion/Renovation so tax revenue would start flowing into that fund this year. Crossley said the Council has already decided to do that at the last joint meeting. Yocum said according to Jon Spurr the recommendation has to come from the Commissioners. Spurr said no, the Council would create a Rainy Day Fund and anybody can go to the Council and request them to create a Rainy Day Fund. Spurr said the Council would get to decide how much money they put into it and what it is to be spent on. He said then you guys can spend it on whatever the

Council allowed. Yocum said the question is do we ask for that recommendation or do they do that? Spurr said any person can go to the Council and say would you create a Rainy Day Fund and then it's up to them if they want to create that fund.

Phelps said the jail committee minus Spurr, because he was gone that day, was unanimous on the base bid project. He said the minimum was 16.5 million to approximately 18.2 million, that's for the expansion plus renovations.

A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Yocum to move forward with the jail renovation/expansion project. All in favor, motion carried.

- d. **Road Cut Permit – Jack Griffin.** Crossley said the permit application from Jack Griffin is to bore under the road on 1100 S to put an electrical line in to get service to his cows. A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Wilson to approve the road cut permit for Jack Griffin. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Newport Volunteer Fire Department.** Wilson requested that Joey Tolbert come to the courthouse safety committee meetings since he is now a full-time fireman.
- f. **Performance Services –Jerry Hawkins.** Hawkins said for 16 years he has represented an engineering company in Indianapolis. He said he has met with the jail committee and spoken with the commissioners. He asked the commissioners to consider the Progressive Design Build method versus the traditional Plan & Spec. He said with this method you don't have to go with the low bid, usually lower costs and quicker construction and no worries about change orders. He gave the commissioners a handout to look at and consider.
- g. **Illiana EMS –Eric Shaughnessy.** Shaughnessy gave the Commissioners an update. He said since the first of the year their average response time is 7 minutes and 34 seconds. He said the national average is 8 minutes and 59 seconds and the rural average is 13 minutes, he said we are beating that 13 minute average. He said starting tomorrow is the first EMT class offered to students from Vermillion and Parke County and the class will be at North Vermillion High School. He said this is a great opportunity for the students.
- h. **Veteran's Service Officer.**Crossley said there is nothing to discuss at this time and that it is out of their hands.
- i. **Bridge 80 – Clark – Dietz.** Tim Jennings told the Commissioners that Bridge 80 is open to traffic as of July 23, 2018. He also said they would be meeting Friday at 9:00 a.m. for the final walk through.

VIII. **Adjourn.**A motion was made by Crossley and seconded by Yocum to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 21st day of August, 2018.

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Tim Wilson, President

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Tolbert, Auditor